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Mall Orders Filled at Advertised Prices.

15c to 29c Laces, 10[¢] yd

Point de Paris Edges and Insertions to match, 3 to 6 inches wide.

About 1,500 yards of the same styles that sold so rapidly some time ago at 15c a yard, and were bargains at that price.

New shipment just in, 10c yard.

(Main Floor, Sixth Street.)

Summer Furnishings for the Babies

Quantity and quality are important things in a stock of this kind—but style and taste are equally as important factors in the make-up of an Infants' Furnishing Department.

You'll find everything here that goes to make up a complete furnishing store, including low prices.

Children's Caps, the patent washable kind, in fine quality lawn, 65c.

Children's Fancy Straw Hats, trimmed with ribbon and flowers, \$1.50.

Pique Coats, reefer style, collar of all-over embroidery, sizes six months to two years. Regular \$1 value, for 75c.

Nainsook Dresses, Bishop style, lace edge on neck and sleeves.

Good hem, ages six months to two years, 50c.

Buster Brown Dresses, good quality lawn, box plait back and front, ages two years to four years, \$1.00.

French Hand-Made and Embroidered Dresses, \$3.50; Hand-Made Long Slips, \$2.25; Hand-Made Caps, \$1.75; Hand-Made Mitts, 65c.

Parasol Covers, made of net lace, neatly finished, 75c.

(Second Floor, East.)

INDICT DISTILLERS ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Twelve Counts Against Casper and Cox Returned by Federal Grand Jury.

RELEASED ON \$8,000 BOND

Fraud Charges Relate to Liquor Output, Upon Which No Tax Was Paid.

Reporting true bills against David E. Casper and Fred Cox, of the Fair Oaks Distilling Company, of Henrico county, for defrauding the government, the Federal grand jury completed its work yesterday, and the members were thanked by Judge Waddill and discharged.

The petit jury was also discharged for the term, and the court adjourned. Judge Waddill leaving on an afternoon train for Norfolk, where to-day he will appear as an important witness in a case in court. He was accompanied by United States Marshal Morgan Treat.

The specific charges against Casper and Cox are that they purchased more grain for distilling purposes than they reported to the government, the extent of the losses entailed by the government as a result of their operations, according to the finding of the jury, being in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

The two men were brought before Judge Waddill on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the government, and their appearance at the October term of the court, which begins on October 5th.

Mr. John A. Lamb represented the defendants in the matter, the interests of the government being looked after by United States Attorney W. L. Lewis.

Makes Serious Charges.

There are twelve counts in the indictment, which is a severe arraignment of the methods alleged by the jury to have been employed by the accused to evade the plain provisions of the law and to defraud the government.

The presumption is that they made false returns as to the amount of grain purchased, and were manufacturing the surplus into whiskey without paying the tax required by law. The penalty is heavy, and the government makes out its case the court will fix the punishment at its discretion.

FILE GENERAL DENIAL

President and Director of Bank of Mechanics' Answer Board Statement.

Messrs. C. J. Faulkner, president of the Bank of Mechanics, and C. T. Baskerville, secretary, yesterday issued a statement of themselves and the other directors of the bank, filed with the State Corporation Commission, a statement of their position with respect to the recent failure of the bank. The statement is in the nature of a denial of the charges made by the large overdrafts of Mr. B. E. Cogbill, out of which the financial difficulties of the institution arose, were known to the president and directors prior to its failure.

Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Baskerville deny any such knowledge, and go fully into the facts of the situation, and ask that the latter, from their standpoint, be placed on record in the files of the commission, leaving out of the matter. The statement was received by the commission and filed.

REFUSED TO RETURN PURSE

Negro Picked It Up, Wanted Ownership Proved, Then Skipped.

While running across the street from Shepherd's confectionery store on Broad street yesterday, Mrs. D. O. O'Brien dropped a pocket book, containing \$25. A negro employed by a restaurant was seen to pick it up, but he refused to return it to her, and was taken into custody by the police. The matter was placed in the hands of Detective-Sergeant Bailey, who expects soon to land his man.

COUNCIL TO MEET

Called to Consider Bond Issue Veto and Rescinding of Main Street.

President Peter directed city clerk Ben T. August yesterday to issue a call for a special meeting of the Common Council for Monday night at 8 o'clock to hear the veto message of Mayor McCarthy on the electric plant bond issue, and also to consider the rescinding of Main Street from Seventh to Twelfth Street in accordance with the recommendations of the Street Committee.

Wednesday Club Meeting To-Night.

The annual meeting of the Wednesday Club will be held at the Y. M. C. A., Main and Sixth Streets, this evening at 8 o'clock. The board of governors and members of the club are expected to be present.

CROWDS JUMPED AS CARS COLLIDE

Rear-End Crash at Strawberry and Cary Smashed Vestibule, None Hurt.

While bound east at 8:10 o'clock last night a Broad and Main Street car jammed into the rear end of a heavy Main Street car at Cary and Strawberry Streets, creating great alarm among passengers, many of whom jumped. The forward car was not seriously damaged, although the Broad and Main, in charge of Motorman W. E. Westray and Conductor A. S. Barrow, was more or less shattered, the vestibule being stove in and knocked to pieces. Officials of the Passenger and Power Company said later that responsibility for the accident had not been determined, although an investigation was ordered. W. R. Miller and R. A. Fowler, in charge of the Main Street car, were pulling along slowly when they were bumped forward by the force of the collision. It was stated by representatives of the company that the total damage was slight, and that no one was injured.

TEACHERS ELECTED

Tuckahoe Board Names Staff for Next Session—One Contest Postponed.

At its regular meeting yesterday the Tuckahoe District School Board, of Henrico county, elected teachers for the coming session as follows:

Rio Vista, Miss Jennie C. Culton; Ridge, Miss Blanche Gilman; Alice Penick and Cora Lee-Hay; Deep Run, Miss Estelle Marks and Miss Emma G. Taurman; Gayton, Miss Anna J. Ellis and Haiman, Miss Mattie Lee.

Colored teachers: Virginia Taylor, Pearl E. Rowe, Mildred L. Shelton, Amanda V. Brown, Mabel V. Harris and Bessie B. Langhorne.

The appointment of a teacher for Woodward was postponed. There are a number of applicants for the position.

POLICE COURT CASES

Man Who Smashed Confectionery Store Fined and Put Under Bond.

Albert Lewis (colored), charged with smashing stock and fixtures in the confectionery shop of Bonnie Mecca, at Fourteen and Franklin Streets, yesterday night, was fined \$20 and placed under \$100 surety in the Police Court yesterday morning.

William Link appeared in court to answer to charge of disorderly conduct, committed in the Soldiers' Home yesterday, but the hearing was continued to June 24th. Link was bailed in the sum of \$200.

J. W. Jenkins was fined \$10 for having driven recklessly through the streets on June 6th.

SUSPECTED OF MURDER

Pearl Mayo Is Brought Into Court, But Case Is Continued for Further Evidence.

Pearl Mayo (colored) was brought into the Police Court yesterday morning on a charge of being suspected of being implicated in the murder of Nat Doyle (colored), who was found dead in the yard at No. 121 North Sixth Street Sunday morning, but the case was continued until further evidence has been secured. The next hearing will be on June 25th.

The case had been suspended as a witness to testify before the coroner's jury, but she disappeared, which aroused the suspicion of the police. She was located and arrested by Detective-Sergeant Wiltshire and Policeman Wiley.

CAMPAIN WORK SLOW

Halfroad V. M. C. A. Which Needs \$40,000 Has Only Secured \$2,000.

The Y. M. C. A., which is raising a fund of \$40,000, has had a successful fund-raising campaign, but has succeeded in raising only \$2,000, and hopes to bring the figure up to \$10,000 by October 1st. When this sum has been secured the railroad will complete the building. The structure will be thoroughly equipped with the fixtures of a modern club. It will contain a large auditorium, gymnasium, rooms for night school, in addition to this there will be a swimming pool, and a large number of other features. A meeting of the committee to-night, when important business will be transacted.

DAY AND NIGHT RATE THE SAME

Corporation Commission Sustains Bell Company's Plea for Uniform Charges.

CONGESTION CUTS PROFITS

Service Improved by Distributing Business, Says Court's Order.

After having the matter under advisement for several weeks, the State Corporation Commission yesterday handed down an opinion granting the application of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company to restore its night rates, and to make them the same as rates charged for day service. The company put the reduced night rate into operation voluntarily as an experiment, and found later that it was inexpedient, for instead of distributing the business equitably through the day and night, as it was designed to do, it resulted in a congestion in the early portion of the evening, which caused great confusion and delay.

The commission in its opinion sustains the company on every point. To Make Charges Uniform.

The paper is in full as follows: This is an application of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, of Virginia, for leave to increase its long distance night rates, so as to make the night and day rates uniform.

In the past the company has been charging less for service between 6 o'clock P. M. and 6 o'clock A. M. than for service during the remaining hours of the day. The evidence shows that the territory occupied by this and allied companies, such as reduced rates, prevail in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina; that the actual cash investment of the company in toll lines in Virginia amounts to \$621,123.10, as of February 25, 1908; and that the company has not from this investment for the year ending March 31, 1908, was \$100,226.75, or 16.1 per cent, upon the capital invested. After making a fair deduction for the necessary expense of conducting the business, the net earnings amount to only 2.0 per cent, upon the actual cash invested in the toll lines.

The net earnings upon the entire investment of the company in Virginia for both toll and exchange business for the year 1907 were 6.66 per cent, without any deduction whatever for depreciation during the year.

Not Like Night Telegrams.

The general impression prevails that night rates should be less than day rates because night messages are sent by telephone companies at reduced rates. There is no sound reason for making this comparison, because while the telegram is left with the company to be sent and delivered at the convenience of the telephone company, when the wires are not otherwise occupied, the night telephone conversation cannot thus be delayed to suit the convenience of the telephone company, but the connection must be made promptly and the message delivered at the expense of the day business, and if the sender desires prompt delivery of a telegram sent by night, he pays the day rate. On the other hand, service rendered by the telephone company at night must be equally as prompt as the service in the day, while the expense is greater, because it is more difficult to find the desired party and get him to the phone at night.

At it in the day, when people are generally found at their places of business.

Upon a fair consideration of the whole question, we are of the opinion that justice to the telephone company requires the granting of the prayer of the petition, and, therefore, it will be so ordered.

MAY GO INTO ARMY

Great Increase in Enlistments, Due Largely to Recent Depression.

"More men are enlisting in the regular army to-day than at any previous time, except during 1894," is the statement made yesterday by Major W. A. Miller, in charge of the army recruiting station on Broad Street. The reason for the increase in enlistments is due largely to the recent financial depression and the increase of pay granted by Congress. Men of good character find ready employment in the army. Consequently there is a marked increase in enlistments at this time when so many men have been thrown out of work.

Before the late financial depression the average of enlistments was sixteen a month; but since that time there are a number of militia companies, and in four out of five cases re-enlist when their term of service has expired.

Sends Speedmen Ahead.

Commissioner George W. Kolner, of the Department of Agriculture, was engaged yesterday in shipping agricultural and horticultural exhibits to Scotland to be shown the farmers in that country by his Virginia agents. The commission is greatly encouraged at the outlook for getting land buyers to Virginia from Scotland.

Judge Ingram Named.

Governor Swanson has designated Judge John H. Ingram, of the Law and Equity Court of Richmond, to be the judge of the Circuit Court of Floyd county to hear the case of young Richards, who is charged with the murder of a rival. This will be the third trial of the case.

Sail for Europe To-Day.

Miss Ellen H. Kent, of Louisiana county, a sister of Mr. Kent, who is a member of the Capital Savings Bank, with Misses Sadie O. Goss, Ellen W. Goss and Mary V. Lambert, will sail for Europe on the steamship Sylvania, of the Cunard Line. They will be gone about three months, and will visit Italy, France, Germany, England and Scotland.

Stove Factory Gutted by Fire.

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The other bricks, loosened by the hose lines, toppled off every minute, and the struggling firemen cast their eyes aloft at every sound or away of the walls to be prepared to jump.

Thousands of people came from every part of the city to view the spectacular blaze, the audience at the Academy of Music a mile away turning out in masses. Fire lines were laid in every direction by the police, and little trouble was experienced with the crowd. There was one exception.

Mrs. Moran, of Twenty-seventh and Main Streets, after repeated warnings by the police, persisted in trying to rush under the lines, and at last summoned her husband. Both returned and then officers Atkinson, Gary and Chatterton placed them under arrest, but not without a struggle. They were escorted to the First Police Station, but were afterwards bailed by

Virginia Fire Insurance Agents to Deal With Important Problems.

THE JEWELERS TO ORGANIZE

State Association Will Be Formed for Mutual Protection—Few Social Features.

According to replies received by Secretary-Treasurer S. T. Phillips, between 75 and 100 of the 150 members of the Virginia Association, Local Fire Insurance Agents, will be here when the tenth annual meeting of that body convenes this afternoon at 12:30 o'clock in Murray's Hotel.

Mayor Carlton McCarthy will deliver the address of welcome, after which the president of the association will read his annual report. The rest of this session will be taken up with miscellaneous business.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon, a buffet luncheon will be tendered the association by the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company and the Virginia State Insurance Company.

After the luncheon the meeting will be addressed by Colonel Walker Taylor, of North Carolina, who will speak on general insurance conditions, with special reference to the work of the fire agent. Colonel Taylor is one of the most prominent insurance men in his State.

To-night members of the association will be the guests at the Academy of Music, where the Exchange Hotel will be the scene of a grand ball to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

State Jewelers to Organize.

Retail jewelers from different sections of the State arrived last night to attend a meeting at the Cabell Hotel at 1 o'clock to-day, for the purpose of organizing a Retail Jewelers' Association of Virginia.

The object of the association, which will be a general protection to the trade, and act as a general protection to the trade.

There is little doubt but that the proposition will be received with a great deal of enthusiasm. Practically all of the Richmond dealers will become members.

Bankers Leave for Convention.

Two Special Pullmans Chartered for Trip to Hot Springs Last Night.

Thirty members of the Virginia Bankers' Association left here last night at 11 o'clock over the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway to attend the fifteenth annual convention of the association, which opens at Hot Springs this morning and continues through Saturday morning. Two special sleepers were chartered, which will be carried through to Hot Springs without change at Covington.

The delegation representing the Richmond banking institutions are Messrs H. A. Williams, R. M. Kent, J. G. Ballard, W. M. Addison, C. R. Burnett, T. B. McAdams, J. W. Hill, O. J. Sands, G. C. Gregory, J. S. Sinton and G. H. Keesee.

Out-of-town delegates who left from here were: Messrs. H. H. Kimberley, Hampton; W. H. Jones, Suffolk; H. Fleetwood, Waverly; J. M. Hurt, Blackstone; N. S. Groome, Hampton; A. H. Hargrove, Suffolk; A. B. Swartzkopf, Norfolk; E. S. Blum, Newport News; W. H. Harding, Greensville; C. G. Vaughan, Franklin; P. M. Pollard, Petersburg; P. W. Turner, Emporia; N. Beaman, Norfolk; H. N. Phillips, Williamsburg; B. B. Jones, Petersburg, and R. M. Hall, Hampton. Quite a number of ladies accompanied the delegates.

The annual address will be delivered by President Richard H. Smith, cashier of the Planters' National Bank. Mr. W. Meade Addison, cashier of the National Bank of Virginia, will speak on "Some Lessons of the Late Panic."

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Shippers at Chester Win Suit, Reduction Amounting to About \$2 Per Car.

RICHMOND TARIFF CORRECT

Local Roads Ordered by Interstate Commerce Commission to Make Change.

Sustaining the Randolph Lumber Company in its suit against the Chesapeake and Ohio, the Seaboard Air Line and other railways for a lower rate of freight from Chester, Va., into Ohio, the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday decided that the rate on car lots should not be more than 17.5 cents per 100 pounds, against 18.3, as heretofore. This change is important to the lumber dealers, as it does in some cases, as much as \$2 per car.

The complaint of the Randolph Lumber Company was based upon the fact that the rate established on lumber shipped to Ohio either via the Norfolk and Western from Petersburg, or through Richmond over the Chesapeake and Ohio, is the same, the flat rate of 16 cents per 100 pounds, whereas on lumber shipped from Chester, which is half way between Petersburg and Richmond, the flat rate of 18 cents plus the local rate of 2.3 cents is charged.

The railroads claimed in their petition, that the lower rate from Petersburg was caused by the fact that there is greater competition at that point than at Chester.

Richmond Rate Should Be Less.

In rendering its opinion, the commission says:

"The real question in a case like this is not whether the local rate is higher or lower than the intermediate rate, but whether under all circumstances, the rate from the competitive point fairly ought, in view of the conditions, to be lower than the intermediate point. So considering the situation before us, we feel that the rate on lumber from Chester may properly be higher than from either Richmond or Petersburg."

We do not think, however, that the rate from Chester, which is a joint through rate, should exceed that from Petersburg and Richmond by the full local rate charged to Richmond. The commission is, therefore, of the opinion that both of the companies could afford to take less as their part of the through haul than they would receive for rendering the local service. It is ordered that the rate in future shall not exceed 17.5 cents per 100 pounds for the through haul from Chester to points in Ohio."

MRS. M'GHEE WINS SUIT

Action Against Railway Company Secured Damages for Death of Husband.

Widow of George McGhee, who was killed in the Allegheny tunnel on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, was awarded a verdict of \$2,000. McGhee was a trackman at work in the tunnel when a freight train backing in on one track just as a fast train passed through on the other. The plaintiff claimed that the negligence of the railroad in not warning its employees and in failing to have lights on the cars pushed into the smoke and fog caused the accident.

Judge Ingram declined to set aside the verdict. Mrs. McGhee sued for \$10,000.

BUILDING PERMITS

Many Small Residences and Two Tenements in Course of Construction.

Building permits were issued yesterday as follows:

H. L. Hare, to repair a frame store and dwelling, No. 3500 East Marshall Street; cost, \$184.

Paul Wolf, to repair a brick store at No. 75 West Broad Street; cost, \$115.

Belkowsky Brothers, to erect a frame and store-room on the north side of West Broad Street between T and U Streets; cost, \$150.

Rosa B. McDowell, to erect a frame stable and shed at No. 2225 Venable Street; cost, \$50.

J. H. King, to erect a frame tenement, west side of South side of Cabell Street between Hickory and Tyler Streets; cost, \$1,800.

W. H. Gordon, to erect one frame dwelling and one frame tenement, for two dwellings, at Nos. 1400, 1402 and 1404 Buchanan Street; cost, \$1,500.

GERMS CAUSE ALARM

Package of Diphtheria Specimens Breaks in Local Post-Office.

A good deal of alarm has been caused in the Richmond post-office by the bursting of a package of diphtheria specimens sent by a local physician by a brother doctor from the Eastern section of the State.

The package was found to be put up in a careless manner in a pasteboard package, and in the usual course of handling it burst open. The post-office authorities declined to give the name of the addressee, but he is said to be a prominent local physician. The package has been delivered to him, and he is now making the examination.

PUSHING CONRAD'S CLAIMS

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RICHMOND MAN HEAD OF LEAGUE

Negroes Form Insurance Association, Taking in Twenty-Four Companies.

WHITE MAN IS SECRETARY

Represents Policies Amounting to \$43,000,000, With 310,000 Members.

With an aggregate capital of more than \$750,000 and with 310,000 members, carrying about \$43,000,000 in life policies, the Negro Insurance League, composed of various colored companies of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and the District of Columbia, was organized at Hampton yesterday.

Six Richmond companies were represented by about twenty-five members, who went down on a special car. It was the first meeting of its kind ever held by the colored race, and the organization perfected is, without doubt, the strongest colored society in the country. In all, twenty-four insurance and fraternal societies are represented.

Richmond Man President.

The officers elected were W. P. Burroughs, of Durham, N. C., first vice-president; E. J. Johnson, of Richmond, second vice-president; Bishop George W. Clinton, of Charlotte, N. C., third vice-president; William Driskill, of Mobile, Ala., fourth vice-president; J. H. Thompson, of Richmond, fifth vice-president; W. S. Dodd, of New York, secretary, and C. C. Dougan, of Norfolk, treasurer.

The executive committee elected consists of W. J. Johnson, of Richmond; T. M. Crump, of Richmond, and C. First Johnson, of Atlanta.